GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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SLAUGHTER HOUSES AND MEAT PROCESSING UNITS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to start projects relating to construction of slaughter houses and meat processing units;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the places selected for starting these projects; and

(d) the total amount likely to be spent by the Government on this project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has proposed to launch a comprehensive scheme of Modernization of Abattoirs because the Indian meat industry is highly disorganized and in need of better hygiene and safety standards in slaughter facilities keeping in view the emerging threats of the diseases communicable to humans from animals/birds. At present, most of the Municipal slaughter houses lack facilities for scientific slaughtering of animals and are not fit for production of clean,wholesome meat. Similarly, there are very poor facilities for utilization of animal slaughter waste and improper disposal of these wastes creates public nuisance and often pose a serious threat of environmental pollution and health hazards.
To address these issues, the qualitative and quantitative capacities of the abattoirs need to be upgraded and these are required to be linked with commercial processing of meat, both for domestic consumption and exports besides discouraging unauthorized slaughtering. Based on detailed discussion with stakeholders,industries and State Governments, during the 11th plan, the scheme"Modernization of existing Abattoirs/ Setting up of Modern abattoirs" has been modified to induct private capital, better technology, backward and forward linkages. The proposed scheme will be implemented preferably under PPP mode with the involvement of local bodies (Municipal Corporations and Panchayats) and will have flexibility for involvement of private investors/ Exporters/FDI on a BOO/ BOT/JV basis. Regulatory functions will continue to be discharged through local bodies. This will enable the local bodies to participate in the venture and also be assured of a stream of income.

(c): The Ministry has already circulated the details of proposed scheme to all the State Governments and requested to identify at least 3 to 5 potential locations in each State to implement the scheme. The selection of the project location will be based on the recommendation of the State Government for each of the project location and subject to the submission of detailed project report for the identified locations, selection of private investor through transparent bidding process and achievement of financial closure for the project.

(d): During the 11th five year plan Ministry has proposed to spend Rs. 628 Crores for the scheme of "Modernization of existing abattoirs/ setting up of Modern abattoirs"